

COMMITTEES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Committees play a very important role and contribute to the more rational and efficient work of the Houses. The House of Peoples has three standing committees, the House of Representatives has seven standing committees, and both Houses have six joint committees. The committees were formed according to the areas of responsibility of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, so that their organization follows the relevant organizational structure of the Ministries in the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This enables direct parliamentary control of the work of the Ministries and the implementation of laws according to the competencies of the relevant Ministry. Draft laws and other Acts, which are subject to the consideration of the Houses, are first considered by the relevant committees, which then provide the Houses with their reports and opinions on compatibility with the Constitution and the legal system of Bosnia and Herzegovina; ensuring that the principles of proposed laws and amendments to laws that are put into the consideration and adoption procedure are harmonized with the applicable legislation. The competent committee considers the amendments to the draft law and, once adopted, the amendments become an integral part of the draft law subject to consideration by the House. The committees may decide to discuss the proposed laws, conduct hearings and request reports from any elected or appointed official, officer or institution. The committees can also make decisions on the matters that were transferred to them by the Houses, wherein the responsibility to adopt laws cannot be transferred to the committees.



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The Joint Committee on European Integration of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH (BiH PA) is one of the six permanent joint committees of both Houses of the BiH PA. Each joint committee is comprised of twelve members, six of whom are elected from the House of Representatives and six from the House of Peoples. Two-thirds of members are elected from the Federation of BiH and one third from the territory of Republika Srpska. The joint committees elect a Chairperson and a First and Second Deputy Chairperson from among its members, drawn from the ranks of the three constituent peoples. The Chairperson and the First Deputy Chairperson cannot be members of the same House.

The members of the Joint Committee on European Integration are also members of the Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee, an EU-BiH body that also comprises twelve representatives appointed by the European Parliament. The Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee is responsible for considering all aspects pertaining to relations between the EU and BiH and, in particular, the implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA). The Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee was established on 5 November 2015. The Committee meets twice a year and is alternately presided over by chairpersons of the BiH PA and a delegation from the European Parliament.

The members of the Joint Committee on European Integration are also members of the Parliamentary Forum on European Integration of BiH. Through this Forum consultations are held with different levels of authority in BiH in order to monitor the EU integration process and seek solutions for related issues, particularly those relating to the implementation of the SAA.

COMPETENCIES

According to Article 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives and Article 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH PA), the Joint Committee on European Integration considers matters pertaining to:

- a) discussion on general issues related to EU integration;
- b) monitoring the exercise of rights and fulfilment of obligations of BiH arising from international treaties, in view of CoE membership;
- c) co-ordinating the work of the BiH PA committees pertaining to EU integration and submitting opinions, recommendations and warnings to these committees;
- d) analysing the impact of the Integration Strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina and drafting comprehensive reports;
- e) considering plans, programmes, reports and information on the EU Stabilization and Association Process;
- f) supervising and initiating the acceleration of the implementation of the accession strategy, within the jurisdiction of the BiH PA;
- g) supervising the harmonization of BiH legislation with the EU *aquis* (applicable EU legislation) when the Committee meets all the requirements;
- h) co-operating with BiH institutions (particularly with the BiH Directorate for EU Integration), EU institutions and other countries, in relation to integration matters;
- i) organizing presentations of public opinion findings on integration matters;
- j) collecting, archiving and systematically presenting information to Committee members with regard to the EU;
- k) supervising the use of funds allocated by the EU;
- l) performing other tasks related to European matters which do not fall under the responsibilities of other working bodies;
- m) organizing public hearings related to EU integration in order to obtain the opinions of civil society representatives, non-governmental organizations, academia, and governmental and non-governmental experts on different matters.

The Joint Committee also considers other matters related to EU integration.

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